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**MEMORANDUM FOR: The Secretary of Commerce**

**SUBJECT: Sale of Color-TV Equipment to the USSR**

1. It has come to my attention that the Radio Corporation of America is proposing to sell a complete color-TV system to the USSR, and is attempting to persuade the U. S. Government to ask for a waiver in COCOM to permit the sale.

2. It is my understanding that an essential element of the RCA package is a video tape recorder, with wide-band and other characteristics which also permit its use as a high quality recorder for intelligence purposes. I have been advised that the recorder is significantly ahead of the state of the art in the USSR.

3. I have set in motion a study to determine the potential damage to U. S. intelligence collection methods that might come about as a result of making the recorder available to the USSR. I recommend that a final decision by U. S. authorities on RCA's proposal take into account the results of this study.

(Signed), Marshall S. Carter

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